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A worker of the Diosgyor Ironworks who escaped from Hungary last month relates the following about the Hungarian worker's "paradise":

The worker's monthly income was 700 forints. He worked in a shop which employed 48 workers and manufactured switch equipment for Hungarian and Soviet railroad tracks. His monthly wages were spent as follows: 15 forints for union dues, 20 forints for government bonds, and 30 forints for obligatory subscriptions to various newspapers and periodicals. His bed cost him 70 forints per month and he paid his landlady 30 forints to cook for him. He bought his own food, which cost him 400 forints per month.

On 28 February he left his place of employment and rejoined his family because he had nothing to eat. On 15 March, he received a polite letter from the plant, informing him that unless he returned to the plant by 1 April, force would be used. He escaped from Hungary.

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